



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: <b>BUHIMSCHI, et al</b>	ATTY DKT NO. P-120561.1(UTI)
SERIAL NO. 09/765,476	GROUP ART UNIT: 1653
FILED: January 18, 2001	EXAMINER: Sheridan Snedden
TITLE: <b>FREE RADICAL SCAVENGERS OR PROMOTERS THEREOF AS THERAPEUTIC ADJUVANTS IN PRETERM PARTURITION</b>	

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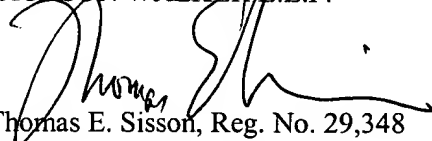
RECORD OF THE SUBSTANCE OF AN INTERVIEW

Examiner Snedden had a personal interview with the inventors, Irina Buhimschi and Carl Weiner on September 10, 2003. Claims 1-5, 7-9, and 12-19 were discussed although no final agreement was reached at that time. The inventors discussed several prior art references (Stamler, Lamont, and Katz). There was a rejoinder of claims 6, 10, 11, and 20-22.

The thrust of principal argument of applicant's was that nitric oxide (No) is not to be considered an antioxidant, but rather an oxidant which would have an opposite biological effect of a free radical scavenger. The Examiner has noted his comments in his Interview Summary.

Subsequent to the interview, the Examiner issued his office action dated October 7, 2003, indicating that claims 6, 10, and 20-22 were allowable. He continued his rejection of claims 1-5, 7-9, and 11-19 art presented by the inventors Information Disclosure Statement and a new Japanese reference (JP 60197669).

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